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UTILIZATION OF FUNDS FOR DISABLED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds for disabled persons is not utilized;

(b) if so. the total funds earmarked for disabled persons for the last three years;

(c) the details of the funds remained unutilized out of it;

(d) the main reasons for the same;and;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to take certain measures to utilize these funds in the future?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (e) Government of India releases funds for the various programmes connected with persons with disabilities mainly Non Governmental Organisations, National Institutes, Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India and National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation. During 2004-05, 2005-06,and 2006-07, Rs. 130.55 crore, Rs. 124.71 crore and Rs. 122.19 crore were released. Since there is no earmarking of funds State-wise, actual releases are dependent upon timely receipt of proposals with complete set of documents.

Taking into account past experience, the procedure for sanction of grant-in-aid to Non Governmental Organizations has been streamlined from current financial year. The State Government had been advised to send consolidated proposals, after getting them scrutinized by a multi-disciplinary committee.

To ensure proper utilization of funds, periodic progress reports are obtained apart from audited statement of accounts,list of beneficiaries and utilization certificates.